

**REMARKS**

An Excess Claim Fee Letter is included for three (3) additional total excess claims.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Advisory Action dated June 2, 2008 indicated that Applicant's Amendment filed May 16, 2008 would be entered for purposes for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests that both the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed May 16, 2008 and the present Preliminary Amendment be entered and prosecution proceed based thereon.

Claims 1-39 are all the claims presently pending in this application. Claims 4-6, 8, 11, and 28 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 37-39 have been added to claim additional features of the invention. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 4-6, 8, 11, and 28 have been amended to include "conducting character recognition processing of a receiving of said input stroke information to determine if a character is received in said input stroke information". The Examiner admitted in the second paragraph on page 2 of the Advisory Action that this feature was not taught by the prior art references. The Examiner alleged that this feature was not specifically taught by the present Application.

However, page 23, line 27 of the present Application clearly states that "in a retrieval of a medicine named "A-I-U", the operator inputs "A" by the pen and then a character recognition step is conducted. Next, the system displays a list of medicines which has a data identifier of "medicine" and of which the first letter or character is 'A'."

Therefore, contrary to the position of the Examiner in the Advisory Action, the above mentioned portion of the present Application clearly supports the new feature.

Further, new claims 37-39 have been added to claim additional features of the invention and to provide more varied protection for the claimed invention. These claims are independently patentable because of the novel and nonobvious features recited therein.

Applicant submits that the new claims are patentable over the cited prior art references at least for analogous reasons to those set forth above with respect to claims 4-6, 8, 11, and 28.\

With respect to the alleged possible specification objection included in the third paragraph of page 2 of the Office Action, although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's allegation, to expedite prosecution, the Specification has been amended to alleviate the Examiner's concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-39, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

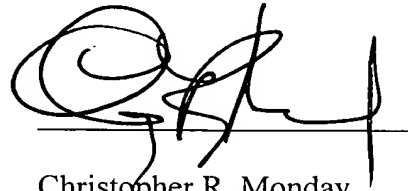
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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